

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

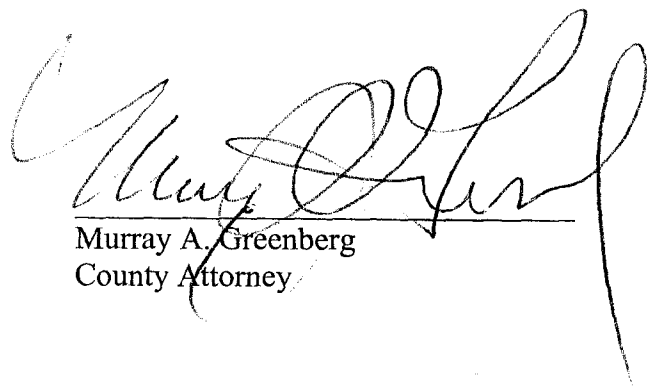
**DATE:** May 9, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution requesting  
consultant obtain services  
of Carrie P. Meek and Mike  
Abrams under federal  
lobbying contracts

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-9-06

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSULTANTS TO OBTAIN  
SERVICES OF CARRIE P. MEEK AND MIKE ABRAMS  
THROUGH WORK ORDERS ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS IN  
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 EACH TO  
SUPPLEMENT THE EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES UNDER  
THE FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACTS

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2006, the Board approved Resolution No. 133-06, which authorized the County Manager to execute three two-year agreements with Tew Cardenas LLP; Alcalde & Fay; and Greenberg Traurig, P.A. ("Consultants") for governmental representation before the U.S. Congress and executive branch ("the Agreements"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreements and accompanying resolution authorized the expenditure of a total amount not to exceed \$225,000 for additional related services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreements provide that the County may request that the Consultants obtain services through work orders to supplement the expertise and resources that may be required at any given time and for the purposes of carrying out the intent of the Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 1999, the Board approved Resolution No. 1236-99, which provided that the Board shall approve all County contracts and work orders for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level and/or all individuals or firms hired to represent the County on intergovernmental issues; and

**WHEREAS**, five firms were invited to make oral presentations to the County related to the federal lobbying RFQs, the top three firms were picked in the selection process for federal lobbying contracts, and former Miami-Dade Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek and former State

Representative Mike Abrams were key personnel in the firms that ranked the next highest, fourth and fifth; and

**WHEREAS**, the County would benefit from the inclusion of Carrie P. Meek on the Washington lobbying team based on her prior appropriations experience in Congress, particularly in the area of transportation appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County would also benefit from the inclusion of Mike Abrams on the Washington lobbying team based on his prior experience in the Florida House of Representatives and specialized knowledge and expertise of health care issues, including the Medicaid program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County would assign Carrie Meek and Mike Abrams work orders to assist the prime consultants under the particular contract that relates to the issues where their expertise lies,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Provides that the Consultants may obtain the services of Mike Abrams and Carrie Meek through work orders on an "as needed" basis not to exceed the amount of \$75,000 each to supplement the expertise and resources required under the federal lobbying contract.

**Section 2.** Directs that if work orders are issued, they shall specify the particular issue areas under which the work orders are being issued and the work order shall be under the particular Consultant Agreements that correspond to the issue areas being assigned.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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